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Mr. Fay. G. Clark, while on a Hunting Trip for Minerals in the Far North, Encounters Magnificent Scenery in the Region of Batchewung and Goulais Bays and tells of it in his Captivating and highly pleasing Manner.

Editor THE DIAMOND DRILL.

DEAR SIR:—Much has been written about the remarkable scenery on Lake Superior, and little attention paid to any other feature than the celebrated "pictured rocks" of the south shore of this great inland sea. Could some of the talented writers, who from time to time yield their pens in glowing descriptions of that remarkable evidence of Supreme power, persuade themselves to forego the pleasure experienced in a steamboat excursion on the waters of Lake Superior, and with the aid of a small and well manned sail craft, penetrate the inland bays of the north shore, I am confident that their visits would be productive of unbounded satisfaction to themselves and much interest to the reading public. I will attempt to describe to your readers the result of some of my excursions to Batchewung bay and other points of interest, which are easy of access from the port of Sault Ste. Marie. The distance to Batchewung bay in a direct line north and over land from the Sault, is about twenty-five miles, though to reach it by water, a distance of nearly, if not quite sixty miles must be traversed. This is, of course, owing to the sinuosities of the shore.

It will take many years to erase from my memory my first sight of this beautiful bay. Myself and companions had, on the day previous, been searching the hills at the head of Goulais bay, for indications of mineral, and as the night was in no way unpleasant and the wind, though light, favorable, we concluded to attempt the trip by night—a distance of about thirty miles. I sat up during the first watch and chatted with our half-breed navigator, who is full of anecdotes bearing on the early history of this district, and learned that the word "Batchewung" is of Chippewa derivation and signifies that the "pickers are coming." About midnight I succumbed to the persuasions of Morpheus and was soon in the land of nod, and must have slept soundly for I knew nothing more until the gray dawn of morning. I was somewhat surprised on awakening to find that a very heavy fog had settled during my hours of slumber and that it lay like a huge mantle on the water, and was of no great height. The wind had died out and the air was somewhat oppressive.

It was some time before I could fully collect my senses, and then on looking over the port bow of the yacht, I could perceive what seemed to me to be huge thunder caps, which, with their ominous frowns, seemed to bespeak no great pleasure to our little party. What puzzled me the most was the apparent stolidity of our boatman, he seemed to be taking matters very coolly and thinking that it was my duty to call his attention to our seeming danger I said: "Sam, don't you think that it would be wise to seek shelter from the coming storm?" "What storm?" asked the worthy, eyeing me somewhat curiously. "Well," I replied, "I don't know as I can give you its exact number or describe its character, but look at those clouds." Sam laughed and said: "Those are not clouds, we will land on one of them if the wind freshens up," and sure enough, in the course of two hours we were at anchor at the base of one of the Batchewung mountains, drinking in the beauties of such scenery as we had not often before looked upon.

Here is a sportsman's paradise. The game is caribou, partridge and rabbit, or, properly speaking, hare. The fish that abound in the bay and in Batchewung and Chippewa rivers, are principally white fish, salmon, trout and the different varieties of bass, but the brook trout, which exist at this point, are a marvel, and I have had the pleasure of taking four of the beauties which weighed seventeen and one quarter pounds. One fish of this catch, made an ample meal for three hungry mortals and there was some of the delicious provender left.

Batchewung island, which is situated near the centre of the bay, is about six miles in length, and three miles in width and being thickly wooded, is picturesque

in the extreme. North from the Island and at the head of the bay, are Chippewa and Batchewung rivers, two beautiful streams which are navigable by small sail craft for a considerable distance and are bordered on either side by magnificent scenery. These streams are both well stocked with brook trout and present a grand opportunity to the most fastidious angler. On the Chippewa, and about two miles from its mouth, there are a succession of beautiful cascades, which create a deafening roar, as they go surging through the precipitous walls of amygdaloid which confine them on either side.

On the south from Batchewung bay, and dividing it from Goulais bay, is an extensive projection called Goulais Point. Its length from the main land is nearly, if not quite, twelve miles, and its width at the narrowest point is about two and one-half miles. The scenery along this point, is varied and beautiful, especially at that point where the passage is made between the main land and Maple island. On the east, or rather, the south-east shore of this point is Goulais bay Indian mission, whose inhabitants subsist by hunting, trapping and fishing and appear to be altogether a happy set.

There is nothing remarkable in the surroundings of Goulais bay, unless it be the prominent height of land on its extreme southern shore, and which is called Gros Cap, which properly defined, means big cap. For miles along this shore the bluffs of rock are so precipitous as to render the landing of a small boat an utter impossibility except in one or two places. The cap has an altitude of nearly if not quite one thousand feet and presents the appearance of a huge sentinel keeping a jealous watch over the bay below. Its appearance is grand.

From Gros Cap to the "Soo" there is nothing in the scenery that might be considered worthy of remark, except perhaps, the blueberry fields of Point Aux Pins, and even this feature would be considered tame at any other time than the picking season, at which time the Indians and half-breeds to the number of more than a hundred, have a veritable city of tents pitched along its shore and a view of their boats pulled up on the beach and a score or two of papooses swinging in their rawhide hammocks, lends a decided novelty to the surroundings.

I think that I have described to you, in my peculiar way, all of the points of interest for fifty miles north and west of Sault Ste. Marie, and in order to avoid wearying you I will bring my letter to a close, promising that if this style of descriptive literature is acceptable to you, I will at some more propitious time, make an attempt to describe the scenery in an easterly direction from the "Soo," beginning at Echo river and taking fifty miles of the north shore of Lake Huron.

FAY. G. CLARK.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario,  
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